DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

BUREAU OF SANITATION
BOARD REPORT NO. 1
April 22, 2016

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AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO BE PART OF THE INTEGREATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING (IRWMP) AND IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGION

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve and forward this report with the transmittal to the Mayor and City Council to request approval of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Los Angeles (City) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) to be part of the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning (IRWMP) with the Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) Region .

2. Authorize the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, to provide additional information, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, or amendments, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, for the MOU.

3. Upon execution, request the City Clerk to attest and certify the six (6) original copies of the MOU. The City Clerk and the Board are each to retain one original copy, and return the remaining four (4) copies to WPD.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Executing the MOU with LACFCD will have no impact to the City's General Fund.

TRANSMITTALS

1. Proposed MOU between the City and the LACFCD

DISCUSSION

The $5.4-billion Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) was passed by the voters on November 7, 2006. Under the Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program, agencies are to be part of the Regional Water Management Group (Group) in accordance with the IRWM Plan Act of 2002, Division 6, Part 2.2 of the California Water Code, and Proposition 84, Division 43, Chapter 2.

Regional collaboration can promote a more efficient, comprehensive, and effective approach to water resource management while being responsive within a regional context to the needs of individual communities and jurisdictions. In addition, as State funding has become more oriented toward regional planning, it is in the Greater Los Angeles County Region's best interests to participate in the IRWMP process to successfully compete for future funding opportunities. The GLAC Region IRWMP serves as the blueprint to facilitate this type of regional cooperation.

The IRWM Plan identifies a comprehensive set of solutions to achieve the following objectives over the 25 year planning horizon: reduce the Region's reliance on imported water; comply with water quality regulations by improving the quality of urban runoff, stormwater and wastewater; protect, restore and enhance natural processes and habitats; increase watershed friendly recreational space for all communities; reduce flood risk in flood prone areas by either increasing protection or decreasing needs using integrated flood management approaches; and adapt to and mitigate against climate change vulnerabilities.

Since 2006, the GLAC Region has supported the development and implementation of projects that reduce the Region's reliance on imported water, provide improved water quality and protect natural resources, including 40 projects that were awarded more than $74 million of IRWM implementation grant funding.

The City of Los Angeles (City) and other agencies previously signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be part of the Group within the Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) Region. The Group desires to coordinate their long-term water resource management planning efforts to prepare the GLAC Region Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), and to address water supply and water quality needs and objectives by integrating strategies and projects that may include water conservation and recycling, desalination, conjunctive use, flood management, stormwater and urban runoff quality, wastewater quality, habitat restoration and protection, wetland enhancement and creation, recreation, open space, and other water resource management initiatives.

It is in the best interest for the City to enter into a new MOU to continue participating in the Group's activities, updating the IRWMP as it relates to the GLAC, and competing for future grants that require the IRWMP.

APPROVAL AS TO FORM

The amendment to the MOU has been reviewed by Ms. Laurie Rittenberg, Assistant City Attorney, of the City Attorney's Office and has been approved as to form.

Respectfully submitted,

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